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TWO FROM PARSONS PLEAD GUILTY IN CRACK COCAINE CASE

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Maurice Montell Robinson**, 30, Parsons, and **Lisa Jane Amadi**, 44, Parsons, pleaded guilty to drug charges Oct. 1, 2004 before U.S. District Judge G. Thomas Van Bebber.

Robinson pleaded guilty to one count of distributing crack cocaine and two counts of distributing crack cocaine within 1,000 feet of Parsons Middle School in Parsons, Kan. In his plea, Robinson admitted that on April 15, 2004 he met an undercover officer posing as a drug buyer at a car wash in Parsons, and sold the officer \$200 worth of crack cocaine. The car wash was located within 1,000 feet of Parsons Middle School.

Amadi pleaded guilty to one count of misprision, failing to report a felony. In her plea, Amadi admitted that she allowed Robinson to use her cell phone and her car to facilitate drug distribution. She also admitted knowing that Robinson readily had cash even though he did not have a job and she believed the money came from selling illegal drugs.

Both Robinson and Amadi are scheduled for sentencing Dec. 13.

Robinson faces a maximum penalty of not less than one year and not more than 40 years in prison on one of the counts of distributing drugs near a school, as well as a fine of up to \$2 million; up to 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine on the count of distributing crack cocaine; and not less than five years and not more than 80 years in prison on the second count of distributing near a school, as well as a fine of up to \$4 million.

Amadi faces a maximum penalty of up to three years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

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Melgren said Robinson and Amadi were two of 18 people charged as part of a two-and-a-half-year investigation into distribution of crack cocaine in southeast Kansas by a number of law enforcement agencies.

Melgren commended the work of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, the Parsons Police Department, the Labette County Sheriff's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, the Coffeyville Police Department, the Winfield Police Department, the Joplin, Mo. Police Department, the Labette County Attorney's Office and the Cowley County Attorney's Office in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Rask in the Prosecution.